## Former Fort Ord Formation of Community Advisory Group Membership Invitation

The State of California, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a petition to assist members of the community in establishing a Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Former Fort Ord. The CAG is a way for people to actively participate in the decision-making process and provide advice on cleanup activities at the Former Fort Ord. People who belong to a CAG can learn more about the site, receive up-to-date information and can discuss their concerns with DTSC and others involved in the cleanup and other environmental programs.

Many people may be interested in the CAG but only a few can devote the time necessary to be members. CAG members must attend regularly scheduled meetings and share information with the communities they represent. Not everyone can be a member of the CAG but every citizen has an important role to play and can support the CAG and its activities. All CAG meetings are open to the public. The initial CAG meeting is expected to be held in summer 2003. This meeting date, time and location will be published in the local newspapers.

Department of Toxic Substances Control is dedicated to helping your community develop and maintain your CAG. Forming a CAG is a very effective way for your community to actively participate in the decision-making process.

Department of Toxic Substances Control encourages you to apply for membership on the CAG for the Former Fort Ord. Please contact Kim Rhodes for an application and/or information regarding the CAG. Also, you are welcome to visit DTSC's Web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov for an application.

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Applications must be post marked no later than May 30, 2003. All applications received will be reviewed and considered by a selection panel.